
**Introduced by Senators Nguyen, Anderson, Bates, Berryhill,
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August 19, 2015

Senate Resolution No. 43—Relative to Korean Independence Day.

1 WHEREAS, August 15, 2015, marks the 70th anniversary of
2 the Independence of the Republic of Korea; and
3 WHEREAS, Korean Independence Day or Gwangbokjeol,
4 commemorates the liberation of Korea from Japanese colonization
5 on August 15, 1945; and
6 WHEREAS, The thousands of brave Korean service members
7 and civilians who lost their lives or were imprisoned fighting for
8 independence are a testament to the Republic of Korea’s enduring
9 strength and resiliency; and
10 WHEREAS, On Korean Independence Day, Koreans throughout
11 the world unite to commemorate this day through parades, concerts,
12 and celebrations that showcase Korea’s rich cultural heritage; and
13 WHEREAS, California is home to more than 455,000 Korean
14 Americans who celebrate this important holiday; and
15 WHEREAS, The Korean American community has enriched
16 the cultural, social, and economic landscape of California; and
17 WHEREAS, Korean Independence Day is an opportunity to
18 celebrate the great contributions of Korean Americans to the United
19 States; and
20 WHEREAS, The Republic of Korea and the United States are
21 historic allies that share common values and objectives through
22 economic interdependence and security; now, therefore, be it
23 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California*, that August
24 15, 2015, is hereby commemorated as Korean Independence Day;
25 and; and be it further

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
- 2 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.